

ENHANCED TRANSITIONAL JOBS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

GRANTEE: Tarrant County Workforce Development Board

PROJECT TITLE: Next STEP Program

TARGET POPULATION: Ex-Offenders

LOCATION OF GRANT ACTIVITIES: Fort Worth, Texas

TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,610,490

KEY PARTNERSHIPS: Texas Office of the Attorney General, The One-Stop Center Operator (Workforce Network, Inc.), Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Cornerstone Assistance Network representing Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, NewDay Services for Children and Families, Fort Worth Housing Authority, and Guinn Healthcare Technologies, LLC.

KEY FEATURES: Tarrant County Workforce Development Board's (does business as Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County) Next STEP Program serves non-custodial parents, many who have been incarcerated, in the Arlington, Dallas, and Fort Worth areas of Texas. Next STEP provides participants with a combination of services, including case management; intensive assessments; job readiness and job search skills training; short-term occupational skills training; job placement; temporary subsidized employment with private sector employers that consists of a staggered wage step-down; legal aid assistance; parenting skills classes; professional counseling for mental health, substance abuse, relationship, and adjustment issues using a cognitive-behavioral therapy approach; assistance with modification of child support orders and appropriate wage garnishment; support services to include transportation assistance and work-related expenses; follow-up care including advancement and retention services; a peer-directed support group, and incentives for attaining employment milestones.

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